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AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA, DR. ULRICH VON RHAMM

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1. SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. MISSION IN BANGKOK ARE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH DR. VON RHAMM, WHO LEFT HERE IN DECEMBER 1974. HE IS A BRIGHT, FRIENDLY PERSON WHO GETS ALONG WELL WITH AMERICANS. WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY AND WELL WITH HIM ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN, LIKE THE TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS WHICH THE RTG IN RECENT YEARS APPLIED TO FOREIGN BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN THAILAND. HIS VIEWS ON SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE CONFLICTS IN LAOS AND VIETNAM ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE MISSION.

2. DR. VON RHAMM IS A FAIRLY INTENSE, BUSINESSLIKE, AND RANK CONSCIOUS AMBASSADOR WHO BY U.S. STANDARDS STANDS UNUSUALLY CLOSE TO THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE IS TALKING. A MAN OF CULTURE, HE LIKES AND KNOWS EUROPEAN CLASSICAL MUSIC WELL. DINNERS AT HIS HOUSE ARE ELABORATE AFFAIRS WITH THREE OR FOUR WINES AND SEVERAL COURSES; HE ENTER-TAINS EXTREMELY WELL. HE LIKES AND RESPONDS TO PERSONAL ATTENTION. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND GOOD FRENCH.
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A FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES, VON RHAMM IS WORTH

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